

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over combinations of Kadyk et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0099727), Kaufman (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,621), Krockett et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0043987), Colnot (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,359), Mendez (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0035618 and Cheah et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,788,953). In response, Applicants cancelled claims 1 and 11-24, and amended claims 2-10 to depend from new claim 25. Therefore, the rejections are moot.

New claim 25 is added and defines a communication system having a client terminal, a server and a communication link, the communication link passing link requests from the server to the client terminal without charging communication costs, the communication link charging communication costs for links which are established between the clients terminal and the server, the communication system keeping identicalness between data in the client terminal and data and the server through the communication link, with the communication system comprising: a data transmission means for sending data from the server to the client terminal through the communication link, when the client terminal accepts the first link request; a signal transmission means for sending a second link request from the server to the client terminal informing the client terminal of the status of the data in the server at a predetermined timing, the second link request being sent from the server to the client terminal through the communication link; receipt type determination means for determining whether a link request is transmitted from the data transmission means or the signal transmission means; and connection control means for establishing a link and

accepting data sent by the data transmission means in the client terminal, but not establishing a link in response to the second link request sent by the signal transmission means, whereby the status of identicalness between the data in the client terminal and the data in the server is monitored in the client terminal without incurring communication costs.

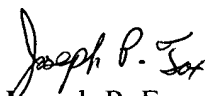
New claim 25 clarifies the advantage of the present invention. More specifically, new claim 25 has the status of identicalness between data in a client terminal and data in a server monitored in the client terminal without incurring communication costs. That is, a receipt type determination means is recited in new claim 25 for determining whether a link request is from the data transmission means or the signal transmission means, and a connection control means is provided from establishing a link and accepting data in the client terminal sent by the data transmission means. Applicants respectfully believe that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest a client terminal that makes a determination whether an incoming link request is a transmission from a data transmission means, which generates a communication cost, or a signal checking identicalness from a signal transmission means, which does not generate a communication cost, as in the present invention. Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of new claim 25, and its depending claims 2-10, for the features they recite.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

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